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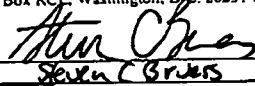
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	HAATAJA ET AL.	Examiner:	P. PALMER
Serial No.:	09/745,299	Group Art Unit:	2874
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Title:	OPTICAL CABLE EXIT TROUGH		

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Reference no. DE 3742448 A1 to Scheuermann discloses a slotted cable channel 1 having tongues 4 which may be broken off to allow insertion of a cable outlet part. See the English

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translation obtained by Applicants at page 2, last paragraph and Fig. 1. The pending claims clearly distinguish over the reference in that the claims recite a cable exit trough mountable to a lateral trough section having an upstanding side of uniform height or mountable to a lateral trough section without cutting the side wall of the lateral trough section. Similar to the Warren & Brown references previously considered by the Examiner, the '448 reference teaches cutting or breaking the lateral trough wall which is the very problem overcome by the present invention.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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